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Identical letters dated 20 March 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters regarding attacks on peaceable Syrian cities, their inhabitants and their infrastructures by armed terrorist groups that are supported by States both in and outside of the region, I should like to draw your attention to recent attacks perpetrated by armed terrorist groups against oil and gas facilities and personnel. The following attacks took place between 22 December 2016 and 25 February 2017:

- On 22 December 2016, armed terrorist groups fired rocket shells at the Izra' oil storage facilities in Dar'a governorate.
- On 27 December 2016, armed terrorist groups fired five rocket shells at the Qumqum gas depot in Homs governorate.
- On 29 December 2016, armed terrorist groups fired a mortar shell at the National Earthquake Centre in Damascus governorate.
- On 5 February 2017, armed terrorist groups attacked the Arab Gas Pipeline in Rif Dimashq governorate, putting the Nasiriyah electric plant out of service.
- On 11 February 2017, armed terrorist groups fired a mortar shell at the Homs oil refinery in Homs governorate, and fired rounds at the Homs-Adra oil derivatives supply line.
- On 11 February 2017, armed terrorist groups attacked the Tishrin oilfield in Hasakah governorate and stole much of its equipment.
- On 11 February 2017, armed terrorist groups destroyed the new administrative building at the Dayr al-Zawr gas plant after having stolen all of its equipment.
- On 25 February 2017, armed terrorist groups fired rocket shells at a gas plant in south-central Homs governorate, putting the plant out of service.
- On 25 February 2017, armed terrorist groups fired rocket shells at the Ebla gas plant in Homs governorate, causing severe damage.

The damage to facilities and infrastructure, and the suspensions of operation resulting from these attacks by armed terrorist groups have given rise to substantial

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material losses, not to mention the negative impacts suffered by the Syrian people due to interruptions in the supply of home heating and basic commodities and services owing to electricity outages and fuel shortages.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic yet again calls on the Security Council to take immediate measures against the States that support those armed terrorist groups, in implementation of the relevant counter-terrorism resolutions, including Security Council resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014), 2199 (2015) and 2253 (2015).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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